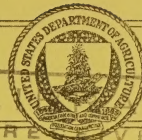




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**AAA ESTABLISHES FIVE REGIONS
FOR SOIL ACT ADMINISTRATION**

The establishment of five regions, comprising all the 48 states, for administration of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act was announced today by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace. Regional directors, who will work under the general supervision of H. R. Tolley, acting administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, were named to have immediate charge of the divisions.

The Southern Division is made up of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. Cully A. Cobb, who has been director of the Cotton Division, will be regional director of the Southern Division.

The East Central Division is comprised of Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. John B. Hutson, who has been director of the Division of Tobacco, Sugar, Rice, Peanuts, and Potatoes, will be regional director of the East Central Division.

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The Northeast Division is made up of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

Mr. Hutson will also be regional director of this Division.

The North Central Division is made up of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Minnesota. Gerald B. Thorne, who has been director of the Division of Livestock and Feed Grains, will be regional director of the North Central Division.

The Western Division is made up of North Dakota, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. George E. Farrell, who has been director of the Division of Grains, will be director of the Western Division.

Secretary Wallace also directed the discontinuance of the four commodity divisions. The work of the former divisions in liquidating the AAA production control programs will be part of the duties assigned to the new regional divisions. The order leaves intact other administrative units of the AAA, such as the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements, the Division of Program Planning, and the Division of Consumers' Counsel. The Sugar Section will continue to handle quotas and some other phases in connection with a sugar program.

Headquarters of the regional divisions will be maintained in Washington, and those offices will deal directly with individual states. Under the new set-up, however, much of the administrative work of examining and auditing producers' applications for grants and paying producers will be done in the states instead of in Washington.

Mr. Tolley said that establishment of the five regions was one of the necessary steps in getting the new farm program into operation as quickly as practicable.

The Western Division is made up of Washington, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Maine. It is the largest of the divisions and covers the entire Atlantic coast. The Eastern Division is made up of New England, the Middle Atlantic States, and the Southern States. It covers the entire Eastern coast. The Central Division is made up of the Middle West, the South West, and the Great West. It covers the entire Central and Western coast. The Northern Division is made up of the Great Lakes, the Upper West, and the Far West. It covers the entire Northern coast. The Southern Division is made up of the Southern States, the Gulf States, and the Far South. It covers the entire Southern coast. The Western Division is the largest of the divisions and covers the entire Atlantic coast. The Eastern Division is the second largest and covers the entire Eastern coast. The Central Division is the third largest and covers the entire Central and Western coast. The Northern Division is the fourth largest and covers the entire Northern coast. The Southern Division is the fifth largest and covers the entire Southern coast.

"We hope to announce details of the new program within the next few days", he said.

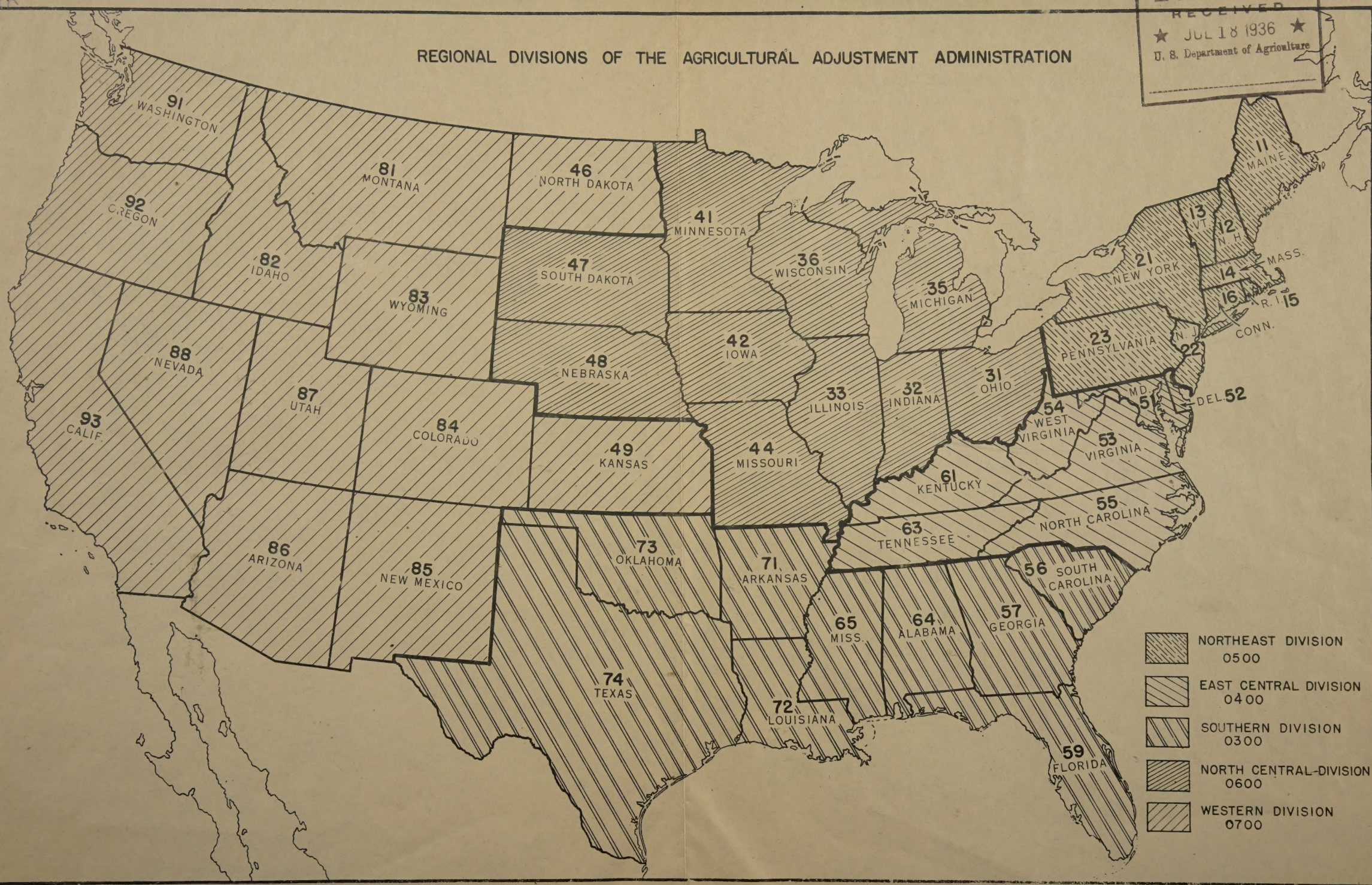
Mr. Tolley also announced that under leadership of the agricultural extension services work already has been started to set up field organizations to administer the new farm program in the various states. As under the old program, farmers' county and community committees will take the leading part in local administration.

"In addition to those committees", Mr. Tolley said, "a State Committee will be established in each state. Each of these committees will have from three to five members, the majority of whom will be producers."

The newly named regional directors will carry out those provisions of the amended soil conservation Act which were assigned to the AAA for administration. Also they will continue operations under provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act and related legislation.

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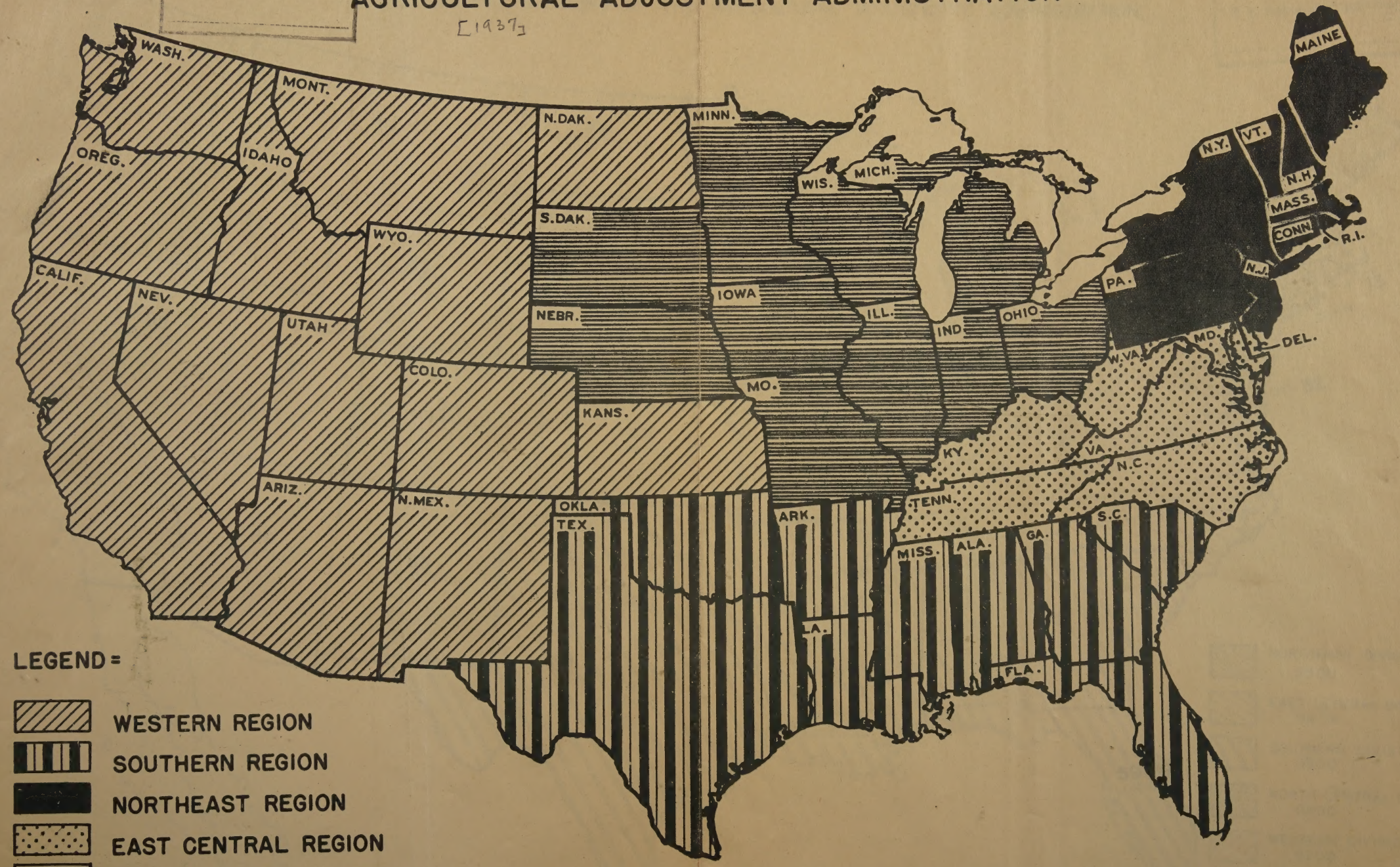
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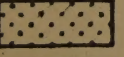
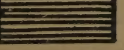
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